

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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## A NEW ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE U. S. NAVY.

A new luster is added to the American flag by the feat of the K submarines which reached Honolulu yesterday. Their achievement in coming to Honolulu under their own power is a new record for the American navy and for the Pacific ocean. It is an achievement the navy of any country would be proud to claim.

On this cruise the K-7 more than doubled the best previous record in the matter of mileage covered. Furthermore, the voyage down the Atlantic coast to Key West, a matter of a thousand miles, was quite different from the open-sea cruise from San Francisco to Honolulu. The submarine commanders say also that even those members of the flotilla which accepted aid were not in any sense disabled. The navy officers wished to maintain a fair speed for the entire flotilla and towed one or another of the divers while minor repairs were being made. If it had been necessary, all of the submarines could have come here unassisted.

Honolulu is glad to welcome the K flotilla, just as Honolulu will be extremely sorry to see the F boats go to the coast for repairs and will hope for their early return. The "boys of the submarines" are deservedly popular here. Those who come with the K boats will increase that popularity.

## IT WORKS ELSEWHERE—WHY NOT HERE?

A perfectly good reason why the city-manager plan should work successfully in Honolulu is that it has been notably successful in cities of the United States whose municipal problems are not greatly different from those of Honolulu.

A good deal of the talk about Honolulu being "different from any mainland city" is bunk, plain bunk. You will notice that the men who use this sort of an argument generally know nothing by personal experience of municipal government elsewhere. Either that or they are men with some personal political end to serve, and hunt for any kind of an argument that will make a noise to the voters.

The things this city has to do in the way of physical improvement and development are the things cities all over the mainland have done and are doing. Honolulu's population, while different in racial elements, is little different in education, in perceptiveness and receptiveness, in willingness to do the right thing, from scores of cities on the mainland where progressive charters have worked successfully. There are mainland municipalities behind Honolulu in the intelligence of the average voter which have found their financial salvation in a businesslike administration made possible by a businesslike charter.

The great value of the city manager plan is that it helps to reduce the city's "overhead" expenses. One of the letters that came to the Star-Bulletin as a result of its recent questions directed to mainland executives is from the city manager of Manistee, Michigan. Mr. Charles E. Buger. Here is part of that letter:

"In my judgment the city manager plan is the most ideal plan ever adopted for the operation of affairs of cities. I have no hesitancy in saying that our people are sufficiently satisfied and under no circumstances would they go back to the old political methods of the past. We have perfect organization in all departments; receive full value for every dollar expended for material and labor. Each department head has full control of the department and to him alone we look for results. With commissioners selected from your successful businessmen and with a competent manager of good executive ability you cannot make any mistake in adopting this plan. There are now fully 50 cities operating under the city manager plan. While I have not been in touch with all of them, those that I have been have materially reduced overhead expenses."

It is noticeable that some of the men most outspoken against the city manager plan privately admit that it is the best plan of city government yet tried, but say that "it can't be put into operation now—Honolulu isn't ready for it." When in the name of common sense will Honolulu be ready? Must it be after

## MAYOR LANE LIKELY NOT TO FILL BOTTS' PLACE IMMEDIATELY

That the office of purchasing agent which will be left vacant when E. J. Botts, the present agent, leaves on November 1, will fall definitely upon the mayor's secretary or some members of the auditing department is the belief of Mayor Lane, who says he sees no use in rushing the question of a successor until the end of the month. "Personally," says the mayor, "I am inclined to favor having my own secretary do the work, as he has a good deal of spare time, and by his taking charge of it the purchasing department will be practically under my own supervision at all times."

It is understood that Edward Wood-

ward, secretary, has stated his willingness to serve in the new capacity along with his other work, providing the mayor wants him. No raise will be made in his salary, however.

## ARMY NOTES

When the Matsonia sailed for Hilo late yesterday, she carried 50 soldiers of Company E, 25th Infantry, to work on the Mauna Loa trail. The Mauna Kea will take more soldiers of the company tomorrow.

Rewarding with a congressional medal in recognition of his bravery in rescuing his comrades from an overturned boat at Texas City June 29, 1914, Sgt. Charles Venus, now on board the transport Sheridan in port here, is one of the few men to be honored in

such a way. Sgt. Venus was present with the medal recently on the old aviation field at Texas City. Maj. Gen. Bell presented the decoration, while the 23rd Infantry presented arms and the officers saluted. In addition to the medal, Sgt. Venus wears a bronze certificate of merit commemorating his brave deed. This entitles him to \$2 more pay each month the rest of his army career. He has been in the army seven years.

Automobilists driving through Spencer the other night stopped short at the corner of Main and Pleasant streets to avoid running over what they thought was a child standing in the middle of the road. It was a big rag doll which practical jokers had placed there.

more years of large expense and disproportionately small results?

## ANOTHER FLAG TO FLY.

Announcement that the Matson Navigation Company will have a new million-dollar steamer ready in 1917 is proof that this company, in which Hawaii feels particular pride and Hawaii folk feel personal interest, is progressing as business opportunities progress.

Hawaii, through its businessmen of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, stood by the principle of support for home industry and protection for American shipping, at a time when a strong and persistent effort was made to secure in this territory an expression favoring the suspension of the coastwise shipping law and the competition of foreign steamers in the passenger business. One of the potent reasons for the refusal of businessmen to endorse any such expression was the Matson Navigation Company. So it may fairly be said that Honolulu has stood by Capt. Matson. The fact that his company will put a million and probably a million and a half dollars into a new steamer shows that he and his associates are willing to invest their money in Hawaii business. It is reported that the last steamer built by the company has not yet been paid for in full. If this is correct, the new venture is all the more creditable.

The immediate passenger necessities will be cared for by the steamers now on the run and by the addition of the crack liner Great Northern for the rush season. It is well within the probabilities that by the time the new Matson liner is ready to enter service, passenger traffic between the islands and the coast will be so well developed that the coming of the Matson vessel will not diminish the patronage of the liners then on the run—in other words, that there'll be enough business for all.

And it will all be under the American flag.

The European conflict is rapidly proving that no nation will be allowed to stay neutral. Italy would undoubtedly have preferred to remain neutral but Italy had to fight not only to get what she wanted but to save part of what she had. The Greek government, aside from the aggressive war party, is trying to stay out of the scrap but is speedily getting into it. Rumania may have to participate as a protest against Teuton acts regarded as unneutral; Bulgaria found that the war afforded an opportunity to pay off old scores and exact territory which could not be foregone. Now Holland discovers that she must further organize her forces of preparedness and Switzerland is in a state of near-mobilization. If the war continues for a year longer very likely other European countries will be drawn into the vortex.

Every schoolboy a couple of decades ago used to recite: "At midnight in his guarded tent the Turk lay dreaming of the hour when Greece, her knees in supplication bent, should tremble at his power," etc. The Turk is dreaming of it again, with several other nations for company.

It appears that Congressman Gardner isn't going to get much satisfaction out of the voyage of the K submarines here—they made too good a record.

The question is whether it is wiser to have twenty-five good Manoa citizens carrying guns that may go off or to station another policeman in the valley.

Our idea of the pessimist is the man who insists that Secretary McAdoo didn't mean what he said about retaining the sugar tariff.

"Another Matsonia" is good news—for 1917. Meanwhile the Great Northern for 1915-16 will be good news, too.

They spell submarine with a K now.

## NO ASSESSMENT NECESSARY, SAYS CARNIVAL HEAD

"Palace of Fortune" One of Attractions; "Joy Zone" Will Be Called "Maze"

Beginning Monday of the coming week applications will be received by the Mid-Pacific Carnival, Ltd., for amusement and advertising concessions in the Carnival City at Aala park. Two are on file already, one for a minstrel show and one for a Punch and Judy show.

"I am perfectly confident," reiterated Director General Cooper today, "that the Carnival can be financed without any assessment this year on the stock. The unpaid balance on the assessment called last year will be sufficient for our running expenses. Mr. Blake, our treasurer, has been authorized to employ a collector to bring this money in. On the books it shows at approximately \$5400."

"But the Carnival City ought not to cost us a cent, any more than the joy zone cost the San Francisco fair a cent. They call the avenue of concessions The Zone in San Francisco; we shall call it here The Maze."

"One of the attractions of proved merit I have in mind is the Palace of Fortune. In another island community, set in another ocean, where they also have mid-winter festivities, the program from constant repetition had been worn threadbare. Someone thought of the Palace of Fortune and it was such a success that they had to turn away admissions."

"I may say that the inventor and original producer of the first Palace of Fortune is at our service. It won't hurt for the present to keep his name in the dark, and to veil the details of the palace with a little secrecy. Uncertainty and fortune go hand in hand."

"There will be also a Temple of Mystery, for which I brought back suggestions from San Francisco. Some of the material at the fair ought to be available for our use here, if the negotiations I have under way terminate as favorably as I hope. The fair closes early in December and the Carnival opens late in February. Owners whose material will be lying idle on their hands after the fair closes will be glad to see it working again, and the cost to the Carnival should be correspondingly reduced."

"The Mardi Gras Bal Masque, the Director General's Ball and the Dance of All Nations throughout the Carnival week will be held outdoors in a Greek theater, where also will be given our concerts and choral singing. Shortly I expect to have the entire Carnival City mapped out and shown in architectural perspective. The plans and drawing will be reproduced in the newspapers and afterward placed on public view."

## ALOHA GUIDE IS REDUCED IN PRICE

Announcement has been made that the Aloha Guide has been reduced in price from 75c to 50c. This attractive handbook of Honolulu and the islands, which came from the Star-Bulletin press about seven months ago, has proved to be an extremely valuable reference book for local people and indispensable as a guide book to tourists, and the reduction in price should do much to make it even more popular than it now is.

Because of the splendid condensed historical sketch, the unexaggerated narration of present day conditions and the detailed information about the islands, as well as its many beautiful illustrations and large individual maps of the city of Honolulu and of each individual island, this book is often sent abroad by island residents as a souvenir and answer to questions which could not otherwise be answered. Members of the congressional party which was here last May, each one of whom was furnished with a copy of the book, have created a demand for it in the east.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—JAY A. URICE: Our total registration in the Y. M. C. A. night school has reached 194, which is the largest in the history of the association. Last year at this time there were 170 students in the school.

—SUMNER S. PAXSON: I have no show windows in which to make a display but I am in favor of the retail trades bureau of the Chamber of Commerce and will support it in every way.

## DWELLINGS FOR RENT

FURNISHED		
Lunalilo St.	3 bedrooms	\$35.00
Park Ave., Kaimuki	2 "	20.00
Prospect St.	2 "	30.00
Center Ave.	2 "	25.00
Tantalus	3 "	45.00
Manoa Valley	3 "	
UNFURNISHED		
811 Lunalilo St.	6 bedrooms	\$60.00
1729 Liliha St.	2 "	17.50
1475 Thurston Ave.	5 "	40.00
1221 Pensacola St.	4 "	35.00
1940 Young St.	2 "	35.00
1231 Lunalilo St.	2 "	32.50
1234 Matlock Ave.	3 "	35.00
1805 Anapuni St.	3 "	35.00
Kunawai Lane	3 "	20.00

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Stangenwald Building, Merchant St.

## REFUSE PLEA OF FORBES TO OMIT HEAVY FIREWALL

Considerable discussion was started among the supervisors last night by a letter received from Charles R. Forbes, superintendent of public works, asking that a certain firewall required by city ordinance might be foregone in the construction of the new Territorial Market building which is now in progress.

Mr. Forbes states it as his belief as an engineer that the required fire wall, which has to be at least two feet high and nine inches thick, is too heavy to be safely supported by the wall beneath, and asks therefore the privilege to build the territorial structure without it.

Several varied opinions were found to exist in regard to the question, some of the supervisors feeling that the ordinance is unfair and others that it is all right and should not be tampered with.

This morning a council was held between Mayor Lane, Chief Thurston of the fire department, Supervisor Horner, chairman of the police committee, and Building Inspector Freitas, with a view to making a visit to the territorial building which is now being erected between Smith and Mauna Kea streets, and coming to some decision. As pointed out by the fire chief, however, the ordinance actually exists, and because it does exist, nothing but a legal change of the ordinance itself will make possible granting the request from the superintendent of public works. The council adjourned, therefore, without making any visit to the place.

Supervisor Horner is strongly of the opinion that the ordinance is unfair, in that it requires a wall of such size as outlined. "Obviously," he says, "it must have been worked out by some contractor who wants his contract to carry as much as possible. I'll warrant it was not devised in the brain of a poor man."

## Personal Mention

L. A. THURSTON left for Hilo on a business trip in the steamer Matsonia yesterday.

J. A. MALONE arrived from San Francisco on the Matsonia. He will enter the local lighthouse service.

A. E. MINVILLE was sworn in in federal court yesterday as Spanish interpreter for the October, 1915, term.

S. SHIBA and K. Kawaguchi will address the members of the Japanese Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

HAROLD L. GOCHENOUR, who arrived from Washington on the Matsonia, has taken a position in the public works office at the Naval Station.

WILLIAM HOEK, who has been in the government service at Washington, is registered at the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Hoek will remain in Honolulu for some time.

KIRK B. PORTER, secretary of the board of health, is enjoying his annual vacation on Molokai. He probably will return to Honolulu a week from tomorrow.

BISHOP LIBERT of the Catholic cathedral, who has been spending several weeks in San Francisco on church business, will return to Honolulu in the steamer Ventura, due here November 1.

C. R. EGLE, construction superintendent of the Union Fiber Company of Winona, Minn., who has been directing improvements at Pearl Harbor for his company, left for the mainland in the steamer Makura today.

On January 1 there were 180 members of the British house of commons in the ranks of the army at the front. Tests by Irish scientists have shown that the wind will carry disease bacteria 200 feet and as high as 60 feet into the air.

A French scientist successfully combated locusts in Argentina by inoculating a number of the insects with a parasitic disease and liberating them to infect others of their kind.

way, I hope the merchants will get busy and make it a success. Too many of the retail bureau's projects have fallen down for lack of support.

## BOY SCOUT WORK HOBBY OF RICH NEW YORK MAN

Capt. J. Van Beuren Mitchell Visits Honolulu; Scout Rally to Be Held

Capt. J. van Beuren Mitchell, one of the men high up in the Boy Scout movement of the mainland, is now a visitor in Honolulu and plans are being made by the Boy Scouts here for a big rally in his honor.

Capt. Mitchell, a New Yorker and a man of wealth, is the head of the Scouts at Morristown, N. J., where he has a handsome country home. He came with a letter of introduction from James E. West, the Chief Scout executive, to Scout Commissioner H. Gooding Field. He is a member of the committee on Scout supplies and Mr. West says that he is one of the men who have been very active and helpful in Scout work since its organization.

Capt. Mitchell is now on a tour which will take him through Japan and the Philippines. The date of the local rally has not been given but will be announced later. He leaves for the Orient about November 6.

## WARREN IS PRESIDENT OF IMPROVEMENT CLUB

At a meeting of the Manoa Improvement Club held last night L. J. Warren was elected president and F. L. Waldron vice president. Other officers chosen were Malcolm McIntyre, secretary, and J. O. Young, treasurer. C. R. Hemenway, H. Stuart Johnson and Kenneth R. Barnes compose the new executive committee.

Members of the club believe that Manoa Valley needs better police protection and as a step toward getting it a committee was appointed to confer with Sheriff Rose. It was suggested that Manoa should have three officers, and that one should be stationed at the house.

## ROYAL BAKING POWDER

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tioned at some point where he could always be reached by telephone. Most of those who attended the meeting said that they had revolvers in their homes for use in case of emergency.

## TO GIVE PRIZES FOR WINDOW DISPLAYS IN CONTEST NEXT MONTH

Members of the retail bureau of the Chamber of Commerce have set Saturday, November 20, as "Window Display Day," and will offer a series of prizes for the best dressed window, judging the windows on points. Only members of the bureau may compete, and an entrance fee of \$5 will be required from competitors.

Charles R. Frazer and Raymond C. Brown planned the contest and the bureau adopted their report as a whole after brief discussion.

A suggestion which brought favorable comment was that a window display contest to last a week should be inaugurated during the mid-winter carnival, so that the shop windows will then appear at their best.

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Royal Grove (Waikiki)	2 "	50.00
Diamond Head road (Waikiki)	2 "	40.00
2568 Rooke St., Punahoa	4 "	75.00
Young and Alexander	2 "	35.00
1124 Lunalilo	4 "	70.00
Cor. Green and Victoria sts.	6 "	75.00
2355 Oahu Ave.	5 "	100.00
1133 Gulick Ave. (partly furnished)	3 "	40.00
Waialae Rd (partly furnished)	15 "	125.00

## UNFURNISHED

Royal Grove (Koa avenue)	2 "	\$5.00
Hackfield and Prospect Sts.	2 "	27.50
14 Mendocino Tract (Liliha St.)	3 "	20.00
1713 Kalia Rd., Waikiki	2 "	35.00
(partly furnished)		
770 Kinau St.	4 "	32.50
1094 W. 5th Ave., Kaimuki	4 "	16.00
1020 Aloha Lane	2 "	13.00
1339 Wilder Ave.	4 "	40.00
1562 Nuuanu Ave.	5 "	50.00
2130 Kamehameha Ave.	3 "	40.00
1231 Matlock Ave.	2 "	22.50
Luso St. (near school)	2 "	20.00
Thurston Ave.	2 "	25.00
1312 Center St., Kaimuki	2 "	25.00
1815 Beretania St.	2 "	25.00
2015 Lanikulu Drive (Manoa)	3 "	40.00